

REMARKS

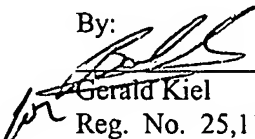
Claims 10-18 are currently pending in the application. Claims 10 and 11 are amended. No new matter is presented. The forgoing amendments and following remarks are considered by Applicants to overcome each rejection raised by the Examiner and to place the application in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore requested.

The drawings are objected for failing to show every feature recited in the claims. Specifically, the Examiner indicates that the slide guide and the pipetting channels are not shown in the drawings. Claim 10 is amended. Therefore, Applicants request that the objections to the drawings be withdrawn.

Claims 10-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The Examiner indicates that the specification does not support any pipetting/dispensing mechanism or a slide guide. Also, the Examiner states that claim 10 recites a pipetting device in the preamble while all the dependent claims recite a tip magazine. Claim 10 is amended to more clearly recite the features of the claimed invention. In view of these amendments, Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 10-18 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In view of the remarks presented herein, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for final allowance and notice to such effect is requested. If the Examiner believes that additional issues need to be resolved before this application can be passed to issue, the undersigned invites the Examiner to contact him at the telephone number provided below.

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